

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as shown below:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A joined body is provided, including a joining portion 6-interposed between a first member, made of a metal, and a second member 4, made of a ~~ceramics~~ceramic or a cermet, ~~for joining that joins~~ the first and second members. The joining portion 6-includes a main phase 14-contacting the first member and an intermediate glass layer ~~13-existing-between~~ the second member 4-and the main phase-14. The main phase 14-is composed of a porous bone structure 15, ~~withhaving~~ open pores and is made of a sintered product of metal powder, ~~and a~~. A glass phase 10-is impregnated into the open pores in the porous bone structure. Preferably, the glasses of the intermediate glass layer 13-and the impregnated glass phase 10-is ~~composed of glasses of~~have substantially the same composition.